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MEMORANDUM FOR: SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR RESEARCH AND INTELLIGENCE

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UNITED STATES ARMY

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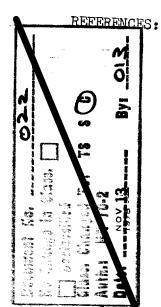
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, JOINT INTELLIGENCE GROUP,

THE JOINT STAFF

DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SUBJECT:

CIA Situation Reports



- Memorandum from DCI to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Research and Intelligence, subject as above, dated 13 December 1948.
- Memorandum to the DCI from the Director of Intelligence, GSUSA, subject as above, dated 18 Novem-
- Memorandum to the DCI from Assistant Executive, Directorate of Intelligence, Department of the Air Force, subject as above, dated 5 December 1949.
- Memorandum to the DCI from the Director of Naval Intelligence, Subject: Navy Participation in Preparation of CIA Situation Reports, dated 5 December 1949.

In reference b, c, and d, the intelligence agencies of the three Services recommend that the Situation Report Program be discontinued entirely. They indicate further that, if the Situation Report Program is continued, any participation in it by them would seriously interfere with the higher priority National Intelligence Survey Program.

2. The United States Government urgently needs comprehensive background analyses of the situation in all areas which are vital to the national security. The only such publication presently available is the "Defense Project" covering the USSR. National Intelligence Surveys on other critical areas are in production, but it is believed that none of these will be completed in the immediate future. It seems essential,

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therefore, that work on Situation Reports covering such areas should be continued as a stop-gap program until reasonable assurance is had that the National Intelligence Survey Program itself is ready to publish complete studies.

3. A comparison between the status reports of the Situation Report Program dated 1 December 1948 and 1 December 1949 shows the following:

2	25X1A	a. Studies on seven countries which were scheduled in 1948 were disseminated before 1 December 1949:	25X1A 
2	25X6A	b. The study on the n and parts of the study on have been disseminated since I December 1949.	25X6A
	5X1A 5X1A	c. The study on which was scheduled in 1948, was disseminated during 1949. The study on , which also was scheduled in 1948, was cancelled during 1948. No further commodity studies are scheduled.	25X1A
20	// I/A	d. Five reports scheduled in 1948 have been cancelled during	
25X1A		e. Two countries listed on both 1948 and 1949 schedules are, upon re-examination, believed to be insufficiently critical to be retained so are cancelled herewith:	25X1A
25	K1A	f. Eight areas were added to the schedule during 1949:	25X1A
	25X6A	10 mgnv areas nere added to ale schedule during 1949:	
25X	1A 25X6A	is in the process of advanced coordination with the IAC agencies, and the study on is nearly completed by CIA; both studies are therefore retained on the schedule. The study on is not only on a critical area but is also nearly completed by CIA, so should likewise be retained on the schedule. The five others are cancelled herewith as not being on critical areas.	25X1A
		g. All of the other areas listed on the 1 December 1949 schedule of the Situation Report Program are believed to be vitally important to United States security and strategic interests, so should therefore be retained on the schedule.	•
2	25X1A crit prob	4. In summary, CIA believes that Situation Reports on the following ical areas should be retained on the schedule, in the order of their able completion:	
	25X6A	a. Situation Reports in an advanced stage of coordination with the IAC agencies: (remainder), and CONFIDENTIAL	25X6A
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25X1A			25X1A
25X	b. Situation Reports which are nea	AL rly completed by CIA:	25X6A
25X1A	c. Situation Reports on which prod	uction has begun within CIA:	
20/(1//	CTA will schedule additional Situation come critical, in the absence of Nation such areas.	Reports if other areas be-	
25X1A	5. By reference a, the agency participed duced to commenting on those sections of the are of primary interest to them. Since in restricting intelligence organizations of the three servinged that their formal participation in this further or eliminated entirely, it is recommended to complete their comments only on the four schare in an advanced stage of coordination with the comments of the coordination with the comments of the coordination with the coordinat	references b, c, and d the vice agencies have strongly is program be reduced still mended that the IAC agencies neduled Situation Reports whi	25X1A
	6. For the reasons given in paragraph tinue the revised Situation Report Program in paragraph 4 above. The IAC agencies are of reviewing the completed drafts of the oth Reports for formal concurrences or comments notice to this effect in each Situation Rep	ror the sixteen countries is released from the responsibi her twelve scheduled Situatio CIA will carry an appropri	lity on
	7. Nothing in the foregoing should be customary continuing responsibility of the to CIA all pertinent intelligence and uneva the situation in critical areas, and to aff as needed, through operational liaison on t	lact agencies to make available luated information concerning ord informal assistance to Cl	5
	8. It is hoped that you will continue gram, as outlined in paragraph 5 above, as and that the NIS Program will go forward so will be unnecessary for CIA to continue the yond that shown in paragraph 6 above.	that in the course of time	, it
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